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Speak. Senator Baker waives closing. The question for the body is, shall AM3475 be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the adoption of the Baker amendment, AM3475, to LB 1062. Have you all voted who care to? Have you all voted? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Baker's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Baker amendment has been adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment, Senator Kristensen. Senator, I have a note that you want to withdraw AM3548, AM3659, and offer, as a substitute, AM3730.

SENATOR CUDABACK: No objection, so ordered.

CLERK: AM3730, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal, page 1720.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Christian (sic--Kristensen), you're recognized to open on your amendment, AM3730, to LB 1062.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, within this particular bill, this is not adding a new bill, okay? That's kind of been a refrain that we've heard a lot lately. This is not adding a new bill. What this is, is there is inside this bill some things dealing with child support and there's an issue that we need to solve sooner than later, and I appreciate Senator Jensen's patience towards looking at this. Currently, there are two child support commissions operating right now. As you remember from the federal mandates of the requirements for child support is centralized collection and disbursement that we struggled with for a few years. Senator Baker had a bill dealing with child support guidelines and what sorts of things went in there. Senator Coorsen had a bill and we created the Child Support Commission. Now, these two have been working side by side, doing different things: one of them looking at actually how child support is calculated; the other advisory commission dealt with the transition over to a centralized unit of collecting and disbursing. Now, what's